



**AN AGE OF UNCERTAINTY**

**The Changing World of Victorian and Edwardian Britain**

Speaker - Nigel Arch

**PUBLIC DISCOURSE IN THE MODERN AGE &  
IT'S NOT THE ECONOMY STUPID!**

Speaker - Evan Davis, BBC Radio 4's PM Programme Presenter

A Study Day on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

At The Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon (map on next page)

In the morning, this year being the bicentenary of Queen Victoria's birth, we look at the reality behind the image of what is sometimes referred to as the "Long Nineteenth Century" in Britain. The idea of a golden era of unparalleled progress when the British Empire spread its civilising hand over the globe is at odds with changes in the political and cultural life of this country and in the way the empire was perceived. Our forefathers and mothers, like us, may have well felt a sense of unease as they contemplated both their present and future.

In the afternoon Evan Davis will comment of the state of current affairs commentary and political debate in Britain which seems to be changing at an increasing pace and which will certainly have changed by October. He will welcome contributions to the discussion from the audience.

Programme	9.30	Registration
	10.00	An Era of Progress? Royalty, The Empire and Politics
	11.00	Coffee / Tea
	11.30	A Melancholic Long Withdrawing Roar - Religion, Family and Culture
	12.30	Lunch - <u>Bring your own</u> – Tea / Coffee available
	1.30	Why do politicians lie? Public discourse in the modern age
	2.30	Tea / Coffee
	3.00	It's Not the Economy Stupid! Public Priorities, Identity and the Generational Divide
	4.00	Departure

**Speakers – Nigel Arch** LVO has degrees in history, politics and war studies. He worked in military museums in London and York before becoming Curator of the Ceremonial Dress Collection at Kensington Palace in 1982. He worked for 30 years at Kensington Palace, birthplace of Queen Victoria, and retired in 2012 as its Director having been appointed Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order by HM The Queen.

**Evan Davis** is an economist, journalist and BBC presenter. He grew up in Surrey attending The Ashcombe School, Dorking and later studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics at St John's College, Oxford. In 2001 he became the BBC's economics editor, then a presenter on the Today programme and later the main presenter of Newsnight. Since autumn 2018 he has been the lead presenter of PM on Radio 4. His latest book, *Post-Truth: Why We Have Reached Peak Bullshit and What We Can Do About It*, was published in 2017.

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Current Affairs Study Day      **See - Nut Allergy & Other Notes on page 2**      18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

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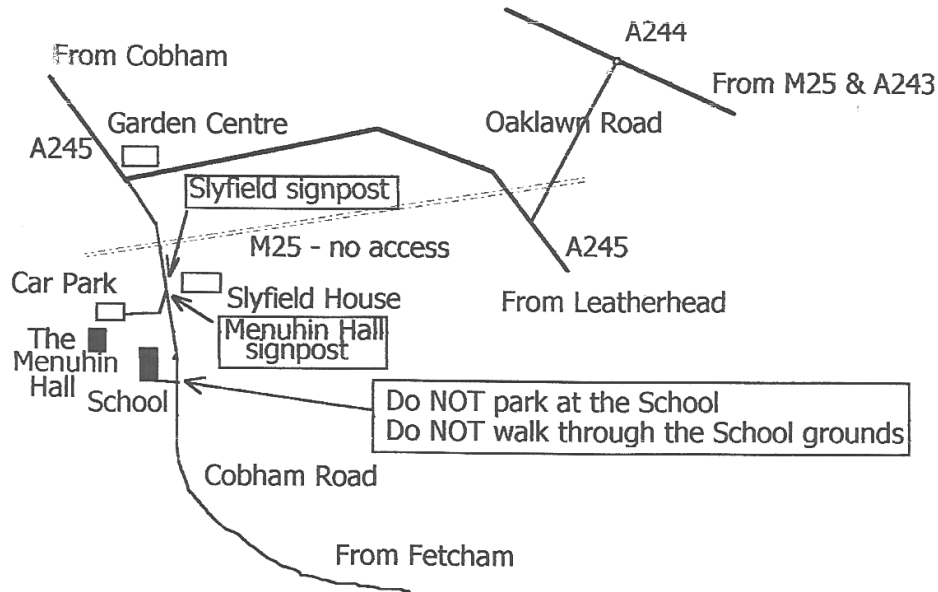
## The Menuhin Hall

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or Menuhin Hall Office 08700 842020

There is a Garden Centre (01932 862530), about 800 metres to the north of the Menuhin Hall where light lunches are available. Reservations not required.



The Menuhin School was founded in 1963 in London and moved to its present site in 1964. It has about 80 pupils learning to play stringed instruments including piano and is financed, in part, by the DfES. Lord Menuhin was born in New York on 22nd April 1916 and died on 12th March 1999 in Berlin. His parents had come from Russia. His first public concert was in March 1924 and his first in Europe, in Paris, in 1927. His performance of Elgar's Violin Concerto was recorded at the Abbey Road Studios in 1932. The Hall, designed by Mark Foley, was conceived as a memorial to Yehudi and was handed over to the school on 5th August 2005. The official opening was on 7th January 2006. Yehudi is buried near the stone pillar in front of the Hall. Nearby is an oak which he planted on his 80th birthday. The Hall was first used for U3A Study Days on 14th October 2005 when the Steinway grand piano was used as no other was available.

Surrey Network Website - <http://u3asites.org.uk/surreyu3anetwork/> has application forms for study days & other events plus information about the Surrey Network and links to Surrey U3A websites.

**Nut Allergy.** The Menuhin School has pupils who have an allergic reaction to nuts and the staff have taken the decision to make the school and the Menuhin Hall a nut free environment. Please ensure that your lunch does not contain any trace of nuts.

**Disabled Parking.** There are six spaces behind the hall, there are more in the main car park. If you have a blue badge and need level access to the hall then tick "Disabled parking" on the booking slip. You will then be allocated a space at the back of the hall if available and sent a permit. If you can manage from the main car park (i.e. you are able to manage some steps with handrails) then please do not tick "Disabled parking". That will leave the back of the hall spaces for those that are very immobile.

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